

NCAA Boys Football 2022

1. Please refer to the entire NCAA constitution found online at www.ncaa.ca for all playing regulations
2. Junior Level Boys NCAA; SOSSA; PROVINCIALS
Senior Level Boys NCAA; SOSSA; OFSAA
3. Members: 8 NCAA High Schools
4. One OFSAA/Provincial Bowl representative will come from the NCAA. Any school wishing to compete for the right to play in Provincials must play in the NCAA football league. No player can participate in two contact football leagues at the same time/season.
5. **Senior Level - The following classifications shall apply for senior boys' football and is based on enrollment as of October 31st of the previous school year**

“A”	under- 500
“AA”	501-950
“AAA”	951 and over

Senior: not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the current school year

Junior Level- The following classifications shall apply for junior boys' football and is based on enrollment as of October 31st of the previous school year

“A”	799 and under
“AA”	800 and over

Junior: not reached his/her 16th birthday by August 31st of the current school year.

Only students in their first two years of high school, based on the date they entered grade nine, will be eligible for junior team competition. For further clarification of junior eligibility, please refer to the NCAA Constitution

EXCEPTION: a student who has been accelerated one year in elementary school shall be allowed to play at the junior level for a maximum of two (2) consecutive years in the first three (3) years of his/her high school career. The student shall meet the above age requirement and documentation of the acceleration shall be provided with the eligibility sheet.

6. Eligibility Sheets

Hand in a signed AELS sheet 24 hours prior to the first game

(c) Each team may register a maximum of fifty-six (56) players and up to nine (9) team personnel on their AELS. Only registered participants may represent the school and/or attend Championship activities.

Game time starts will be between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Up to the end of October, a game will start between 1:00pm and 3:00pm (no earlier without convenor's knowledge and both Principals' permission). After the end of October (Time Change), start times for games will be determined by both schools playing and the Convenor.

Home games may be played on a turf field without the consent of the visiting team. If game time is other than 3:00pm, the home team must have the consent of the visiting team's coach and principal.

7. Game Time

All games that request a 7:00pm start time must be approved by the visiting team. Junior starts times may vary before Senior.

8. Game Day and School Responsibilities

Home School:

- I. Prepare the field, which includes lining the field
- II. Provide and prepare minor officials (chain gang, scorekeeper and timer)
- III. Use NCAA score sheets
- IV. Provide a suitable leather game ball- game ball must be CFL or CIS approved
- V. As of April 2011, both sets of players' benches must be on the same side of the playing field. Spectator areas will be on the opposite sideline of the players' benches. Where this cannot physically be possible, the players' bench areas must be clearly defined and spectator areas are not to be in those areas.

9. Officials

All officials must be accredited

10. Official rule Book

- I. NCAA policies first, then the Canadian Amateur Rule Book for Tackle Football
- II. All NCAA football leagues will be governed by the Canadian Amateur Rule Book for Tackle Football with the following exception:
 - o Field dimension may vary from school to school
- III. For all NCAA junior and senior football leagues:

- o No tie games- follow CIS/CFL rule
 - o Start at the 35 yard line where each team gets a series of plays until one team breaks the tie. (As of March 2014 this rule is in effect for all leagues, not just the Bowl Bound league.)
- IV. 2005- Rule Clarification: re: Blocking Below the Waist
- o On any player, blocking below the waist is illegal except, in the close line play area by a player who is occupying a position in this area at the snap of the ball

11. Timing of Games

- I. 1st and 3rd quarters are 12 minutes of straight time; unless there is a time out, injury time out, penalty on the play, long gain, incomplete pass (for 2014-2015 football season passed at October 28th, 2013 NCAA semi-annual meeting) and/or touchdown scored.
- II. 2nd and 4th quarters are 12 minutes with the last 3 minutes STOP TIME; ie time stops at the whistle that ends the play and starts when blown in by the referee signal.
- III. The last minute of each quarter is indicated by a raised red flag.
- IV. In the 2nd and 4th quarters, the timer will, at the nine minute mark, make the head referee aware that there are three minutes left in said quarter.

12. Payment of Officials

Each school participating in any level of NCAA Football will be billed at the conclusion of the season. The designated amount will be a calculation determined by the convenor and invoiced by the convenor.

13. Reporting Scores

The home team will report the scores to the convenor in charge. Both teams are responsible for writing up the game sheet and sending it in to the convenor. If only one score sheet is presented to the convenor, it will be deemed to be the official score sheet, regardless of origin, ie home or visiting team's score sheet. Score sheet should be signed by either the official or the opposing team's coach. If no score sheet is presented to the convenor, the official score will be deemed to be the one sent to the convenor. In this scenario, there will be no "official" half-time score for Tie Breaking Procedures.

14. League and Playoff Format:

The format for league competition and playoffs will be determined at the Program Chair Meeting. All schools participating are to send a Program Chair or staff member to the meeting otherwise forfeit all rights for input in the league and playoff format.

Any game/match not played will be recorded by the convenor as a win for the school who did not forfeit. In team sports where standings are used to determine playoffs, the win/loss achieved against teams that drop out will be taken away (not added) to teams that are still yet to play them. If a gate is charged at an NCAA league or playoff game then all expenses will be paid from the gate (referees, minor officials, linesmen, security, score keepers, etc.) and the remainder of the gate will be divided equally between the home and visiting team.

15. Tie Breaking Procedures (When determining a playoff position when a league schedule leads to playoffs:

- a. Record between tied teams (HEAD to HEAD);
- b. Record against teams higher in the standings (1 above, then 2 above, etc.);
- c. Record against teams lower in the standings (1 below, then 2 below, etc.);
- d. Points given up in the first half. If more than two teams are tied, then accumulative points given up in the first half among the tied teams. (head to head to head...);
- e. Points given up in the first half against teams higher in the standings (1 above, 2 above, etc);
- f. Points given up in the first half against teams lower in the standings (1 below, 2 below, etc);
- g. (a) coin flip to determine play-off position only. No team can be eliminated from the playoffs by a coin flip. The conveners will determine a time and location for the coin flip. Schools involved may send the coach or a representative to verify the results. If a school is unable to send a representative the school that is present for the flip will choose “heads” or “tails”. If no school is present then the school that is alphabetically ranked highest will have “heads” in the coin flip (see appendix A1 and A2 for alphabetical listing for each zone). The convenor will notify schools involved of the results.
 - i. In lieu of a coin flip eliminating a team from playoff participation, and all other tie breaking procedures having been followed, a “playoff” on a neutral field will occur. Home field will be determined by a coin flip prior to the game. The “neutral field” can be eliminated if both coaches agree to play on a home field. Home team will still be determined by a coin flip.
 - ii. In the event of a four way tie, the convenors in consultation with the NCAA convenor, executive, and the schools involved will determine a tie-breaking procedure.

16. SOSSA INC. Boys’ Football

Constitution and By-Laws: Page 1-25 of the SOSSA handbook

Football Regulations: **See SOSSA Football Playing Regulations for SOSSA Tournament Format.** ~~1 champion from each Zone will go to SOSSA.~~ The championship will be held in the fall at least one week prior to OFSAA. Check ofsa.ca for that date.

17. An athletic therapist (first response) shall be present at each NCAA football game. The football convenor will make arrangements for this service. Schools will be directly invoiced by the provider upon season completion. The home school shall cover the cost of this service.

18. Zone to Provincials - TBA

The NCAA constitution will govern all NCAA sports.